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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 0525

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, ASEAN, ID

SUBJECT: DISMISSAL OF GENERAL DHARSONO AS ASEAN SECRETARY GENERAL

1. DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL DIVISION TAN BOON SENG COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON CURRENT CONTRETEMPS OVER INDONESIAN EFFORTS TO RELIEVE ASEAN SECRETARY GENERAL DHARSONO IN COURSE OF FEBRUARY 2 MEETING WITH EMBOFF.

2. TAN NOTED THAT ISSUE WAS A DIFFICULT ONE FOR OTHER ASEAN GOVERNMENTS. DHARSONO'S POSITION WAS SOMEWHAT ENALOGOUS TO THAT OF SENIOR U.N. OFFICIAL IN THAT HE WAS APPOINTED BY, AND RESPONSIBLE TO, ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENT. AS AN INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANT, HE WAS IN EFFECT BEHAVING IMPROPERLY IN PUBLICLY CRITICIZING ANY MEMBER GOVERNMENT OF THAT ORGANIZATION. UNFORTUNATELY, TAN OBSERVED, ASEAN DID NOT HAVE ANY SPECIFIC CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ORGANIZATION EMPLOYEES.

3. MOCHTAR WAS ARRIVING IN SINGAPORE SAME DAY, TAN CONTINUED, AND SINGAPOREANS WOULD BE HEARING HIM OUT THAT EVENING. HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT POSITION GOS WOULD TAKE, SAYING THAT THIS WOULD
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HAVE TO AWAIT MOCHTAR'S PRESENTATION.

4. REGARDING GENERAL DHARSONO, TAN COMMENTED THAT HE HAD CHATTED WITH THE GENERAL JUST LAST MONTH. DHARSONO HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS REACHING THE AGE OF SEMI-RETIREMENT AND EXPECTED TO BE LEAVING THE INDONESIAN ARMY BEFORE TOO LONG. TAN ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD BE GOING INTO GUSINESS UPON RETIREMENT.

DHARSONO REPLIED EMPHATICALLY "NO". WOULD HE BE GOING INTO POLITICS?
DHARSONO SMILED AND SAID NOTHING.
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